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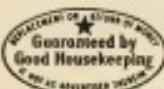
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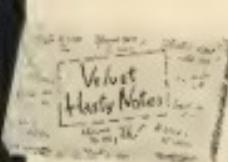
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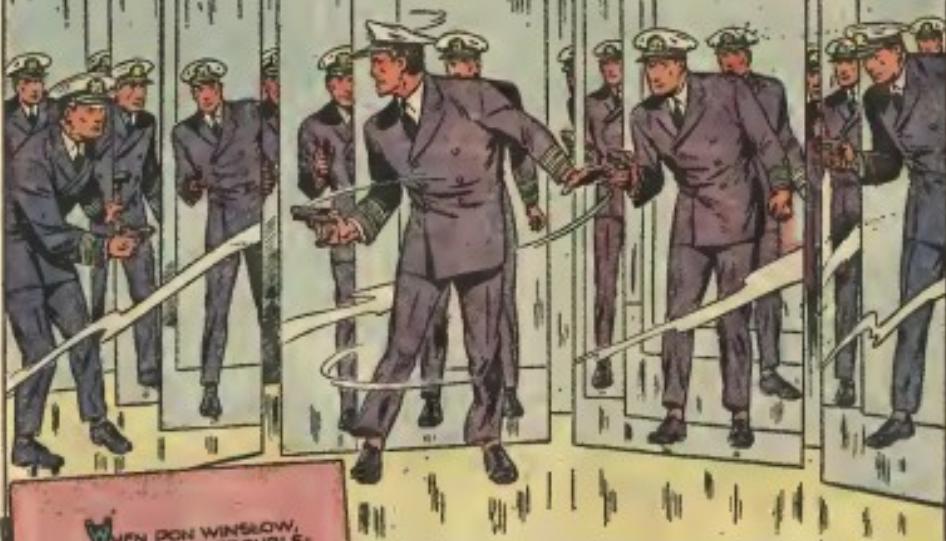
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of  
THE NAVY



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THE NAVY'S ACE TROUBLE-  
SHOOTER, GOES AFTER  
RUBBERFACE, HE FINDS  
HIMSELF CHASING A WILL-  
OF-THE-WISP--WEARING

"THE  
**PERFECT  
DISGUISE"**

AT  
NAVY  
INTELLIGENCE  
HEADQUARTERS  
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WILL THAT  
BE ALL,  
ADMIRAL  
COLBY?

YRS,  
LIEUTENANT  
KENT /

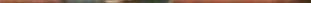
BY THE WAY,  
KENT, YOU'RE  
THE MOST  
COMPETENT  
SECRETARY  
I'VE EVER  
HAD!

THANK YOU,  
SIR /  
GOOD  
NIGHT!

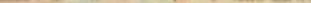
BUT AS LIEUTENANT KENT HEADS HOME . . . .



... YOU GO DOWN THIS STREET TO . . .



... YOU GO DOWN THIS STREET TO . . .



LET'S GET HIM IN THE CAR BEFORE SOMEBODY SEES US!



... RODRIGO WILL BE WAITING FOR US THERE IN THE MOUNTAIN HIDE-OUT!



SHORTLY AFTER . . .



YES--BUT IF YOU THINK I'LL GET THEM FOR YOU, YOU'RE CRAZY!

I DON'T NEED YOU--WITH RUBBERFACE HERE! AS SOON AS HE'S READY WE'RE TOSSED YOU OVER, THE MOUNTAINSIDE!



KENT'S GOT AN EASY FACE TO COPY! A FEW TWISTS OF MY RUBBER FACE AND . . .



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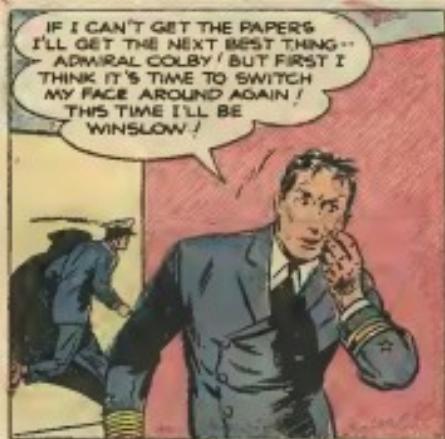


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## DON WINSLOW







SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE MOUNTAIN HIDE-OUT.

THERE'S NO SENSE  
IN CONTINUING!  
HE JUST WON'T TALK,  
RUBBERFACE!

I KNOW A  
WAY TO MAKE  
HIM TALK!

I'LL BRING HIS DAUGHTER,  
MERCEDES, HERE AND WE'LL  
GIVE HIM HIS CHOICE--EITHER  
HE TELLS US WHAT'S INSIDE  
OF THOSE SECRET NAVY  
PAPERS OR HE'LL  
WISH HE  
HAD!

THAT'S A  
GOOD IDEA,  
RUBBERFACE!  
BUT HOW WILL  
YOU GET HER  
HERE?

THAT'S EASY---SHE'S  
DON WINSLOW'S GIRL  
FRIEND! AND IN THIS  
DISGUISE SHE'LL  
THINK I'M  
WINSLOW!

GOOD  
THINKING,  
RUBBERFACE!

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE TRUNK OF  
THE CAR . . .

THERE . . .  
I'M FREE!  
IT'S A LUCKY  
THING THIS  
JACK WAS  
HERE!

AFTER THE WAY  
I'VE BEEN HANDLED  
I'VE GOT A  
GOOD REASON  
TO KICK!

AND AS THE DISGUISED  
RUBBERFACE COMES OUT . . .

GULP!  
WINSLOW!  
HE GOT  
FREE!

I'M  
SEEING  
DOUBLE . . .

. . . BUT HERE'S  
WHERE YOU SEE  
STARS!



FIND IN A FEW SECONDS...

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY USING YOUR OWN ROPE ON YOU, RUBBERFACE!

YOU FOOL! RODRIGO WILL SHOOT YOU THE MOMENT YOU ENTER THE HIDE-OUT!

YOU FORGET... THEY'LL THINK IT'S YOU, DISGUISED AS ME!

RUBBERFACE? DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?



YES--TO KNOCK OUT YOUR TEETH!

RUBBERFACE, HAVE YOU GONE OUT OF YOUR MIND?



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT RUBBERFACE'S MIND, BUT I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT! THIS IS THE REAL WINSLOW!



STEALING NAVY PLANS IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE! THIS CREW WILL BE IN JAIL A LONG TIME!

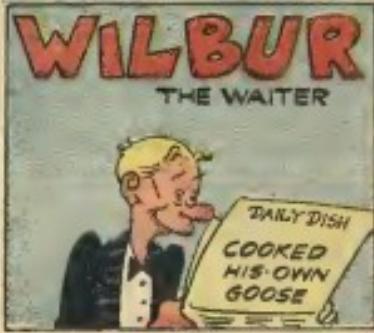
THANKS TO YOU, WINSLOW!



AND THANKS TO YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!

DON'T FORGET, ADMIRAL--YOU STILL OWE ME A DINNER, AND THIS WORKOUT GAVE ME A TERRIFIC APPETITE!





# LANCE O'CASEY

*in The Plight of  
HOMER WHITTINGTON, Jr.*

**L**LANCE O'CASEY,  
CAVALIER OF THE SEAS,  
IS A FRIEND OF THOSE WHO  
NEED A FRIEND, FOE TO  
PERSONS WHO PRACTICE INJUSTICE.  
LANCE IS TRAPPED BETWEEN  
TWO EVILS WHEN HE ATTEMPTS  
TO SETTLE THE PLIGHT  
OF HOMER WHITTINGTON, JR.



LATE ONE AFTERNOON, AT THE PORT OF MONDO ISLAND IN THE SOUTH SEAS, LANCE O'CASEY AND HIS FRIEND, MIKE BELLEV, ANCHOR —

WHILE LANCE IS JOURNEYING TO THE WHITTINGTON ESTATE, A PATHETIC SCENE TAKES PLACE INSIDE THE LUXURIOUS MANSION ...

SO LONG, MIKE. I'LL BE BACK BY THE TIME YOU HAVE OUR CARGO LOADED ON THE STARFISH!

WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU, CARROT-TOP! GIVE HOMER, JR. MY SYMPATHY. THAT LID NEEDS A FRIEND NOW THAT HIS DAD HAS PASSED AWAY!

WELL, HOMER, BADGER AND I HAVE COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE YOU COMMITTED TO AN INSANE ASYLUM! AS TRUSTEES OF YOUR ESTATE, WE'LL HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR MONEY WITHOUT INTERFERENCE! NO MORE BUTLERING FOR US!

YOU RATS! YOU WORMED YOUR WAY INTO MY FATHER'S CONFIDENCE, AND THEN UPON HIS DEATH YOU IMPRISON ME IN MY OWN HOUSE AND DECLARE ME INSANE! BUT YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!







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Men!  
Women!

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PHEW! ALMOST MISSED IT.  
NOW TO CLIMB DOWN AND SEE  
IF I CAN TRACK DOWN THOSE  
TWO FIGURES AND LEARN  
WHAT'S GOING ON!



IF WE DIDN'T NEED THAT  
KID ALIVE, I'D BASH HIS  
HEAD IN! HE'S AS STUBBORN  
AS OLD MAN WHITTINGTON.  
— PUFF - PUFF —



SO THEY STRAPPED HOMER JR.  
IN A STRAIT-JACKET AND ARE  
PASSING HIM OFF AS A LUNATIC TO  
GET HIS MONEY. NOW I KNOW WHY  
HOMER DIDN'T WRITE TO ME ABOUT  
HIS DAD'S DEATH! HE'S BEEN  
HELD PRISONER IN HIS  
OWN HOME!



THE LAST PLACE PEOPLE LOOK  
FOR ANYTHING IS USUALLY THE  
MOST OBVIOUS PLACE TO HIDE!



IF THE SWIMMING POOL IS EMPTY,  
THAT SHOULD BE THE OBVIOUS  
PLACE!



I WAS RIGHT!  
THERE HE IS!



YOU'LL NEVER GET  
ME! I'D RATHER  
DIE FIRST!

HOMER!  
WAIT!





**S**TRIKING OUT WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF AN ADDER, BADGER REACHES FOR HIS GUN!

OOOH!



I'VE GOT HIM COVERED, PERKINS! YOU GET THE KID! THIS TIME, I'M KEEPING MY DISTANCE SO THERE'LL BE NO MORE GUN-KICKING!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHASE ME ANYMORE! I'LL CONSENT TO BEING SENT AWAY IF YOU'LL LET LANCE GO FREE!



YOU'LL DO EXACTLY AS WE SAY WITHOUT ANY STIPULATED AGREEMENTS, HOMER!



YOU'LL NOT BUTT INTO OUR AFFAIRS ANY MORE, SAILOR! PERKINS, GET THE POOL READY!

GOOD IDEA! I'LL LOCK THE KID IN HIS ROOM, PICK UP SOME ROPE AND TURN THE POOL WATER ON!



A FEW MINUTES LATER,  
NEAR THE POOL ---

THERE! HE'S READY, BADGER!

THE POOL IS ALMOST FILLED. OUR SAILOR FRIEND DOESN'T ACT AS SELF-ASSURED AS BEFORE!



SO LONG, SAILOR!



WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT!

LET'S GET BACK TO THE HOUSE! HE'LL BE DONE FOR IN A FEW SECONDS!

**SPLASH!**



THE FOOLS! THEY DIDN'T REALIZE I KEPT QUIET SO AS TO CONCENTRATE ON MY MUSCLES! ONCE THESE ROPES GET WATER-SOAKED AND EXPAND, I CAN CONTRACT MY MUSCLES SUFFICIENTLY TO SLIP OUT OF THEM! THAT IS, IF I CAN HOLD OUT THAT LONG!



FOR ETERNAL MOMENTS, LANCE STRUGGLES TO ESCAPE FROM HIS BONDS WHILE HIS LUNGS RAPIDLY WICKEEN...

(GASP GASP) THEY MADE A GOOD JOB OF TYING ME! BUT THE ROPES ARE GIVING! IF I COULD ONLY LIST (GASP)-- TO SAVE HOMER --- FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THOSE VULTURES!



THE BONDS FINALLY SLIP OFF... BUT LANCE IS ALSO SLIPPING -- INTO THE REALM OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

(GASP GASP) EVERYTHING IS GETTING BLACK! MUST NOT GIVE IN...



NEARING THE STAGE OF COMPLETE BLACK-OUT, LANCE, WITH A LAST SURGE OF RESOURCEFULNESS, PULLS HIS HEAD TO THE SURFACE?



WHOA! ALMOST WENT UNDER THAT TIME AS THOSE TWO HAD PLANNED. I'VE GOT TO GET MY BREATH AND THEN I'LL UNTIE MY ANKLES!



WHEE! NOW TO HEAD BACK TO THE HOUSE AND SHOW BADGER AND PERKINS A FEW TRICKS OF MY OWN!



HERE'S A NICE, FAT CHECK WE CAN CASH TOMORROW IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING HOMER AT THE ASYLUM!



THEY AREN'T WAITING TOO LONG TO DIP THEIR HANDS INTO THE TILL! BUT HERE'S WHERE I PUNCTURE A FEW HOLES IN THEIR PRIZE CHEESE!



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## ACROSS

1. Those who man the ship
3. Propeller with radiating blades to drive a ship
5. Small spar at the top of a sail
14. Opera by Verdi
15. Test
16. Decline
17. Cast to the lead to determine depth
19. Advance in rank
21. And so forth: abbr.
22. Open, poetic
23. Cemetery tree
24. Damp
25. Toward the stern
27. Period
29. To reck
31. High voice
34. Crow's nest
35. Ex ruler of Russia
36. Man's name
37. Western State: abbr.
38. Hammers away at
41. Egg on
43. Astronomer
44. Tie a boat to a buoy
45. Sordid
47. Mindanao peak, highest in the Philippines
48. Swiss peak
50. Tale
53. Night bird
55. Forward
58. Ship's chief
60. Worship of Sir Francis Drake's name
62. Doing nothing
63. Row with one oar
65. Viking navigator
66. An athen
67. Tide
68. Land amid the sea

## DOWN

1. Covering of an explosive shell
2. Street brawl
3. Instruct
4. Pale
5. Wooden block for receiving a mast
6. Yield
7. Royal Navy: abbr.
8. Discover
9. Excited
10. School of whales
11. Deep declarations
12. Festival
13. Worry
16. Specie
20. Be in debt
26. Neurasthenia
28. Ship's first deserter
29. Gangplanks
30. Concur
32. Argentine dance
33. Command
35. Hatch on another ship with others
40. Undermine
41. Baseball referee
42. Powers of household
45. Beverage
47. Everybody
48. Cigarette liquid
49. Load cargo on board
51. Head over, at a ship
52. Part of a foot
53. Eye rapidly
54. Mark made by a whip
56. Vox
57. Single time
59. Man's nickname
61. Hawaiian flower wreath
64. Symbol for uranium, the atom bomb element



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*A frigate was thrust on shore  
By a rival cannon's roar  
And an iron ship  
Held in its grip  
The fate of the Civil War!*

**T**HE HEAVY FEDERAL FRIGATE Minnesota lay trapped on a sand bank in Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, Virginia. Through the long hours of the night, her crew struggled desperately under the hoarse commands of Captain Van Blunt to pull the frigate loose, but it was useless. Not even steam tugs could budge the stranded ship. Now the husky captain stared hopelessly out into the night. His ship was doomed. When morning came—“The Merrimac will be back,” Van Blunt husked to himself, “and that will be the end of our fleet!”

It was only a few hours before that the Union fleet had met its strangest antagonist of the Civil War. Sailing from the nearby Southern-held harbor, was a hulking, heavily-armored warship, the Merrimac, which the Confederates had captured from the Federal fleet and converted into an ironclad. Though untried in battle, cumbersome and unwieldy, the Merrimac had nevertheless scored a great victory over the Federal ships. Without fear of the enemy shot, she had plunged boldly into the teeth of their cannon, loosing a scorching attack that sank the huge frigate Congress and the sloop-of-war Cumberland, almost without loss to herself.

It was in this battle that the Minnesota had gone aground. She had no choice now but to wait to dawn to come, and for the Merrimac to renew her attack.

Fist clenched, Captain Van Blunt knew well the peril his ship was in. And he knew, too, what this meant to the Union cause. Already the word must have been wired to Richmond, Washington and other nearby cities. It was a great naval victory for the South. No ordinary wooden ship could stand up against the Merrimac; it would be impossible now to maintain the Federal blockade of Southern ports.

A dark shape moved up in the night off the Minnesota's port bow. There was the faint washing sound of waves against a ship's side, and the dull clanking of an

anchor chain. Van Blunt heard his lookout's anxious challenge—and the firm, reassuring reply.

“This is the Federal ship Monitor! We are anchoring here to wait for morning.”

The Monitor! Van Blunt felt a tingle of hope run through him. The Monitor was the answer of the North to the Southern Merrimac; it was the ironclad fighting ship that John Ericsson and a host of assistants had been working on for the past three months in a crucial race against the shipbuilders of the South. Now it was ready, in Hampton Roads—and not a moment too soon!

But as Van Blunt stared through the gloom at the faint outline of the Monitor, his optimism left him. It was a tiny ship, only a fraction of the size of the Southern ironclad, and it resembled nothing so much as a cheese box on a little raft. Was this the long-awaited reply to the Merrimac?

The Monitor had had a rough trip down from her shipyard in New York City. The engines had stopped, pumps were useless, and the below-decks' engineers were overcome and almost asphyxiated by gas. But the young commander of the Monitor, Lieutenant John Worden, knew well the vital role that his ship was assigned in the struggle to maintain the blockade. He spared neither his men or himself, and at two-o'clock in the morning of March 9, 1862, the little vessel steamed into Hampton Roads Harbor to wait for the dawn.

If the Merrimac could be stopped, the blockade would continue. If not, the Union was in grave danger.

Hours slipped by as the volunteer seamen who manned the Monitor readied their ship for battle. The Stygian night turned to a dull gray, and then the first clear light of dawn brightened the Atlantic horizon.

Suddenly a whisper was heard on the bridge of the Monitor.

“There she is!” they muttered. “It's the Merrimac! Ain't she a mean looking one though!”

On came the Southern ironclad, apparently intent on finishing off the stranded Minnesota. Unable to move, the Federal frigate opened fire on the advancing ironclad with her stern guns. The Merrimac

replied at once with a well-aimed shell. Then, as if at a signal, the *Monitor* appeared for the first time and headed straight for the Southern ship. They made a strange contrast, heading toward each other, with the *Merrimac* displacing 3,500 tons, and the *Monitor* only 776.

On the *Monitor* Lieutenant Worden held his fire, approaching at low speed. Coming closer, he stopped his engines in order to slowly drift by his opponent. Then, as he was squarely opposite the *Merrimac*, the Northern commander nodded, and the two guns in the *Monitor's* revolving turret blasted twin shells. The explosive missiles went straight to their mark, thundering against the thick armored walls of the *Merrimac*. But they did not penetrate, and the returning shot of the Southern ship did no more damage to the well-protected *Monitor*.

As the battle continued, and the two ships maneuvered for position, firing all the time, certain advantages and disadvantages became apparent.

The *Merrimac* had eight guns which fired fairly rapidly, while the *Monitor's* two guns took seven or eight minutes to reload. But this greater fire power was offset by the greater speed of the *Monitor* and by the fact that her draft of ten and one-half feet, less than half of her opponent's, made her much more maneuverable.

Realizing this, Lieutenant Worden nodded at his helmsman.

"Aim for the stern of the *Merrimac*," he ordered crisply. "If we can disable her screw or rudder, we'll have her in trouble!"

The maneuver was a clever one, for the rudder was comparatively unprotected, unlike the rest of the ship, and a hard blow there would have made it impossible for the Southerners to steer. But, as the *Monitor* hurtled forward, the *Merrimac* managed to slip to the side, and the steel ram missed by a few feet. Furious, the Federal gunners poured a volley against the *Merrimac* that glanced off her armor like hailstones.

Aboard the *Merrimac*, the commander ordered his helmsman to turn toward the still grounded *Minnesota*. Since it seemed that the guns of the little *Monitor* could not hurt him, he could concentrate on finishing off the wooden steam frigate.

Steaming through the desperate fire of the *Minnesota*, the *Merrimac* sent a single shot from her rifled bow gun. It smashed through the ship's cabins and exploded two great charges of powder, setting the *Minnesota* afire. Before the *Monitor* could come up, the Southern gunners scored on the nearby tug *Dragon* exploding her boiler.

Now the *Monitor* was close, her two guns blasting fire. Attempting to change position, the *Merrimac* momentarily went aground. As she came off the sand bank, Lieutenant Jones' jaw set.

"They tried to ram us—and failed," he said. "Now we'll try our luck...."

Putting on all power, the Southern ship headed straight for the *Monitor*, attempting to run her down. But Lieutenant Worden put his helm hard to starboard, and the blow merely sideswiped his ship, causing little damage. In fact, the *Merrimac* was more severely damaged than the ship she had hit, for the blow loosened temporary repairs made where her prow had been damaged in the previous day's action.

"Head for the shoals," ordered Worden. "We'll bring ammunition up to the turret."

"Aye, aye, sir."

As the tiny ironclad withdrew momentarily from action, the command of the *Merrimac* formed a new plan of attack. So far, the indiscriminate fire of the Southern ship had done little damage. They decided now to concentrate on the small pilot house of the *Monitor*, hoping, through relentless fire, to weaken it. And the strategy worked! A shell struck directly on the *Monitor's* pilot house, breaking in part of its protecting shell and lifting the iron cover of the turret.

Lieutenant Worden, who had been directing the fire from behind the steel slits of the turret, reeled backward, his face and eyes burned by the exploding powder and cut by steel fragments that had penetrated the opening. Unable to see, he gave swift orders that put the *Monitor* to starboard, and called for the executive order, to turn the command over to him.

When the subordinate officer, Lieutenant Greene, clambored into the pilot house, he found that the *Merrimac* had now turned away and was heading back toward Norfolk.

"Fire after her!" he shouted tensely.

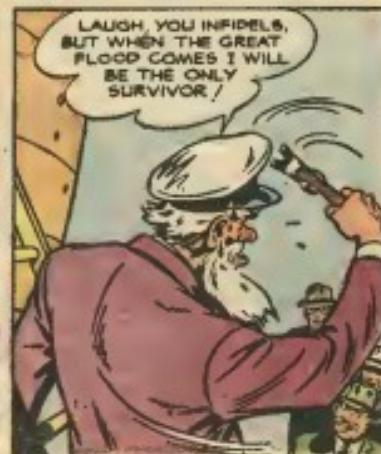
But the Southern ironclad disregarded the last two shots that screamed after her, and continued on into her port.

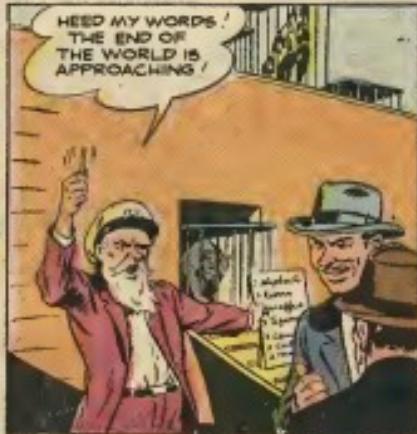
**T**HIS BATTLE was over—and barring minor casualties on either side, the first duel between heavily armored fighting vessels that the world had known ended up a tie. But the final results were much more important than the immediate outcome of this fight. In holding back the *Merrimac* and compelling her to retreat to port, the little *Monitor* had prevented her from doing any further damage to the wooden Federal fleet, and had, in fact, saved the Northern blockade.

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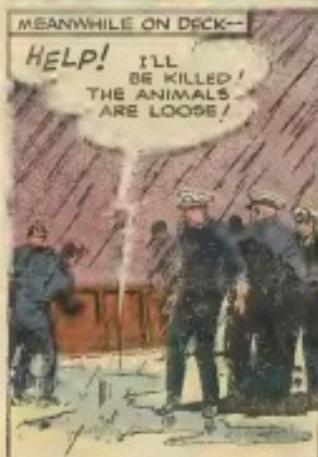
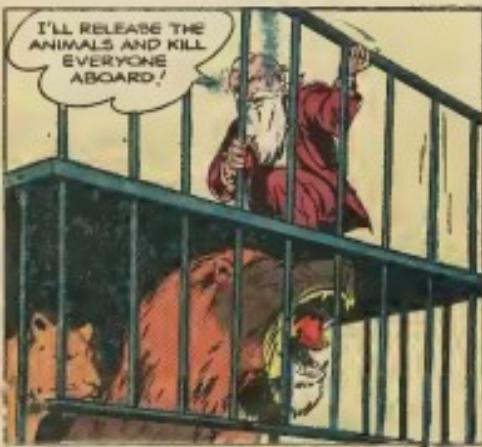












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